

XXII.—Obituary.

HENRY PEAVOT.

ALL members of the Union, and especially those who may have been brought in personal contact with him, will deeply regret to hear of the death of Mr. Henry Peavot, killed in action in France on April 21 last.

Born in 1881, Peavot entered the service of the Zoological Society as a boy-clerk in 1896. He soon showed his worth by his quickness and intelligence, and in 1908 he was appointed to succeed the late Mr. G. H. Doubleday as clerk of publications, and at the same time was appointed assistant secretary to the British Ornithologists' Union. This position brought him into contact with many of our members, and all of these can testify to his great willingness to help in any way the management of the affairs of the Union. He was responsible for the compilation of the indices to the successive volumes of 'The Ibis,' and jointly with Mr. Wells prepared the index volume of 'The Ibis' for 1895-1912, published last year. It is impossible to speak too highly of his competence and personal character, and his death is indeed a great loss to the Union. It will be very difficult to replace him. He leaves a widow (who has been carrying on his work for the Zoological Society and the Union since he was called up for service) and one child.

The Council of the Zoological Society proposes to form a fund to secure a good education for Mrs. Peavot's little boy, and the Committee of the British Ornithologists' Union wish to associate themselves with the Council in this matter. With this copy of 'The Ibis' is enclosed a circular letter from Dr. Chalmers Mitchell, the Secretary of the Zoological Society, asking all those who are willing to contribute to

this good cause to send the amount of their contribution to him. We hope there will be a good response from members of the Union.

We also learn with regret of the death of Mr. E. P. RAMSAY, for many years Curator of the Australian Museum at Sydney. We hope in the October number to give a short biographical notice.

From 'Nature' we hear of the death from wounds received in action in France of 2nd Lieut. H. E. O. DIXON, Seaforth Highlanders—a promising bird-artist, whose work was largely modelled on that of Archibald Thorburn.

The 'Ornithologische Monatsberichte' of last year reports the death at the age of sixty-two of ADOLPH NEHRKORN, which took place at Brunswick on 8 April, 1916. Born at Riddagshausen near Brunswick in 1844, he was an original member of the German Ornithological Society. He was celebrated for his great collection of birds' eggs, both European and Exotic, and the first edition of his well-known catalogue was published in 1899 (see 'Ibis,' 1899, p. 462). In 1905 the collection was presented to the Berlin Museum, and five years later a second edition of the catalogue was issued ('Ibis,' 1910, p. 752). In it are enumerated the names of 5440 species, the eggs of which are represented in the collection.

The 'Ornithologische Monatsberichte' also announces the death of OTTO LE ROI, Lieutenant of the Reserve, killed in action in the Carpathians in October 1916. Otto le Roi was the author of the "Vogelfauna der Rhein Provinz," and was associated with Dr. A. Koenig of Bonn in his work 'Avifauna Spitzbergensis.'